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# Newsletter

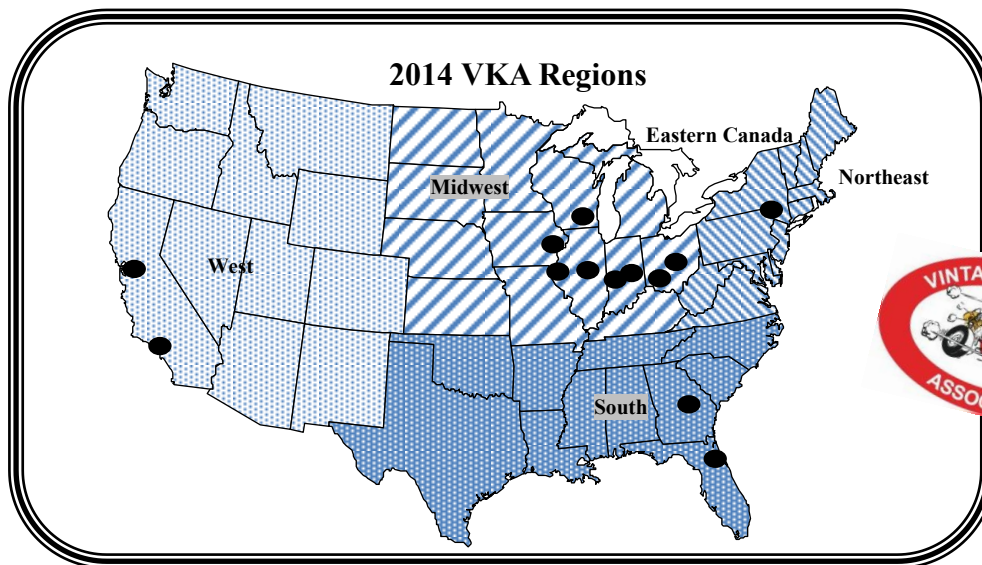
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# FIRSTTURN

**INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE: 2014 NATIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE.**



## EDITOR'S NOTE

### HAPPY 2014

The *Vintage Karting Association* (VKA) is organized to be the focal point for vintage kart activities; to be both a technical resource and a historical resource, and to represent the VKA membership. VKA promotes vintage karting events across the country. Present-day karting started with these types of karts. The history of karting is shown in these karts. The history of karting is also shown in these karts' ability to demonstrate their capabilities. This issue of *VKA FIRSTTURN*® is your initial resource for 2014 VKA Events.

Again this year, we are combining this month's *VKA FIRSTTURN*® with the *National Event Schedule*. This *SPECIAL VKA Newsletter* is sent to all VKA Members and many other people as a way of promoting not only the 2014 VKA Events, but also Membership in VKA (see p.10). Non-members do not normally receive any of the VKA Publications, so this *SPECIAL VKA Newsletter* is a way of enticing them to join. As members, you can help promote membership by telling non-members about the great articles like we had last year on timing, clutches, engines, carburetors, Member Memories, VKA Event pictures and summaries and general information in each edition. Another *VKA FIRSTTURN*® example is on the VKA Website ([www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com)) for all to see. What everyone will see in this *SPECIAL VKA FIRSTTURN*® is all the 2014 VKA Event locations and most dates together with Event-specific information and the *Class Guidelines* for 2014. For the most current Event information, registration requirements and the full text of the 2014 *Guidelines*, check the VKA web site.

Rolf

## NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The resignation letter from Jack Murray, Director of Kart Shows/Judging was rejected unanimously by the Board. Jack said he would continue for one more year. There are 334 VKA Members. There was a brief discussion regarding “incentives” for people to join VKA. VKA *Class Guidelines* were discussed and approved by the Board (see p.2/3). The full set of *Guidelines* are being reviewed by the Board. Jack **will** be at the Riverside Event. The 2014 Event Schedule was completed and will consist of [13] events (see p.3). The 2014 Board of Directors was approved and will appear in the December *FIRSTTURN*<sup>®</sup>. Rick Chapman was nominated and approved as VKA Enduro Executive Director and will promote vintage endure karting.

Balance as of 10/31/13 = \$9,778.29.

## 2014 CLASS GUIDELINES

Below are the VKA *Guidelines* for Classes in 2014. For the full text, refer to the VKA website ([www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com)), Member’s Area.

1. HISTORIC	1956 to 1964 rear engine karts and engines; single, dual, or triple engines, 16.5 c.i. (270cc) max displacement; dry clutches; box muffler; vintage tire required; Promoter may split class per VKA Guidelines ( <b>Para. 6a, below</b> ); duals/triples in front. This is a non-points, demonstration class.
2. JUNIOR/WOMEN <sup>1</sup> REAR OR SIDEWINDER	Rear or Sidewinder karts; single American engines; all West Bends, Clintons, Homelites, McCullochs up to 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement. [Industrial-type WB820 with 8.2 c.i. (135cc) max displacement, allowed]. Single HL 1” throttle bore carburetor or small Mac flat-back allowed. Must have dry clutch, box muffler and vintage tires.
3. SPORTSMAN REAR	Rear American engines; 8.2 c.i. (135cc) max displacement; WB-820 with 8.2 c.i. (135cc) max displacement must be industrial-type; McCullochs must be 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement or saw blocks over 80cc. All engines run single HL 1” throttle bore carburetor, small single intake manifold. Small Mac flat-back carb OK. Must have dry clutch, box muffler and vintage tires. No MC-91, 92, or 93 engines.
4. MAC 49/SAW	Rear engine karts; McCulloch Mc49 engines and Saw block engines cannot exceed 80cc max. displacement; 1.375” stroke maximum; aftermarket small intake manifold, single HL 1 inch bore carburetor or small Mac flat-back; dry clutch; box muffler, vintage tires.
5. SINGLE REAR 6.1	Rear engine karts; American or Foreign engines, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement; pipes and oil clutches allowed; no disc clutches; any carburetor combinations, vintage tires.
6. SINGLE REAR 8.2	Rear engine karts; American or Foreign engines, 8.2 c.i. (135cc) max displacement; pipes and oil clutches allowed; no disc clutches; any carburetor combinations, vintage tires.
7. DUAL REAR	American or Foreign engines, 16.5 c.i. (270cc) max displacement; pipes and oil clutches allowed; no disc clutches; vintage tires. Any Historic B or C Class dual engine rear karts may run this class.
8. SINGLE 6.1 S/W AMER.	Sidewinder with American fan cooled engines, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed; one inch axle.
9. SINGLE 8.2 S/W AMER.	Sidewinder with American fan cooled engines, 8.2 c.i. (135cc) max displacement; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed; one inch axle.

<sup>1</sup> **EDITOR’S NOTE:** The **Junior/Women Class** was created for the benefit of novice drivers to come into Vintage Karting at a lower budget level, and to use this class to improve their skills in order to progress to other desired classes. Women of any age over 12 may run in this class.

<b>10. SINGLE 6.1 S/W FOREIGN</b>	Sidewinder with Foreign or American engines, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement produced before 1980; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed; one inch axle.
<b>11. SINGLE 8.2 S/W FOREIGN</b>	Sidewinder with Foreign or American engines, 8.2 c.i. (100cc) max displacement produced before 1980; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed; one inch axle.
<b>2. OVER-60</b>	Drivers 60yrs +; Rear or sidewinder karts; American, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement engines; pipes allowed; oil clutches allowed; no disc clutches; vintage tires; any carburetor combinations. Promoters should consider separating the sidewinder and rear engine karts for scoring purposes when participation is sufficient to do so. Allow sidewinders to start in the front.
<b>13. DUAL SIDEWINDER</b>	Sidewinder with Foreign or American engines, 16.5 c.i. (270cc) max displacement; engine clutches only; pipes allowed; modern tires allowed; 1¼" axle allowed if original; karts and engines must be manufactured prior to 1983.
<b>14. 80-85 SIDEWINDER</b>	Sidewinder with Foreign or American engines, 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement; pipes allowed; engine clutches only; modern tires allowed; 1¼" axle allowed; kart and engine must be manufactured prior to 1986 – see Engine Schedule. (Para. 6c, below)
<b>15. SPORTSMAN S/W</b>	Sidewinder (pre-1980) with 6.1 c.i. (100cc) max displacement, American fan cooled engine; single carburetor (Mikuni, Tillotson, or McCulloch), any size throttle bore; Factory V4 intake; modern tires; box muffler; dry clutch (Horstman Rev Grip or MaxTorque).
<b>16. YAMAHA PISTON PORT</b>	Sidewinder karts (before 1986) with single 100cc Yamaha piston port engine (KT100S), 1975 to present; Piston port only; factory ignition system only; Walbro WB3A carburetor only; pipe and wet clutch allowed; 1" or 1¼" axle; modern tires; gasoline only

Additionally, the clutch and clutch guard *Guidelines* have changed. (Change in **bold**.)

**Clutch:**

- Clutches are not required.
- Wet clutch permitted on any kart except Sportsman, Historic Class and Mac49/Saw.
- No DXL or disc type clutches permitted on Rear Engine Karts.
- No Axle Clutches permitted.
- **A third bearing support or guard to contain the clutch in the event of crankshaft breakage should be on Sidewinder karts using an oil bath outboard mounted clutch (toward the outside of the chassis). Construction of clutch guards must be of a material equal to or greater in strength than .090" aluminum.**

*Although these Guidelines are intended to promote safety and consistency between events across the country, implementation is the sole responsibility of the promoter and the track owner. VKA is not liable for implementation of these Guidelines.*

**SEE THE FULL TEXT OF THE 2014 VKA GUIDELINES ON [www.VKAkarting.com](http://www.VKAkarting.com).**

2014 EVENT SCHEDULE			
1/23 – 25	Jacksonville, FL	6/12 – 14	New Castle, IN
1/30 – 2/1	Riverside, CA	7/10 – 12	Brodhead, WI
3/27 – 29	Barnesville, GA	8/1 & 2	Camden, OH
4/10 – 12	Circleville, OH	9/11 – 13	Quincy, IL/MO
5/2 & 3	Whiteland, IN	9/26 & 27	Delmar, IA
5/23 & 24	Springfield, IL	Oct 4 & 5	Roebling Rd, Savannah, GA
5/16 – 18	Gratten Raceway, MI	10/10 – 12	Cuddebackville, NY
6/13 – 15	Mid-Ohio	11/1 & 2	Atwater, CA
VKA Events in <b>BOLD</b>		Vintage Enduro Events in <i>ITALICS</i>	

# 2014 CALIFORNIA VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Adams Vintage Kart Reunion - Jan. 30 - Feb 1

**Adams Kart Track**

**5922 24<sup>th</sup> Street**

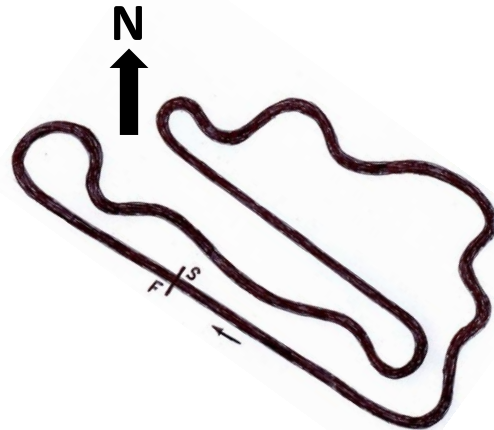
**Riverside, CA 92509**

[www.adamsmotorsportspark.com/](http://www.adamsmotorsportspark.com/)

**Contact Louie Figone**

**415-297-0374**

[louiemtb@aol.com](mailto:louiemtb@aol.com)



**8/10 mile; 2 Monza turns**

**Gearing: 9 - 60\***

## 2014 Atwater Vintage Kart Reunion - November 1 & 2

**Tom Dash Speedway**

**500 Industry Way,**

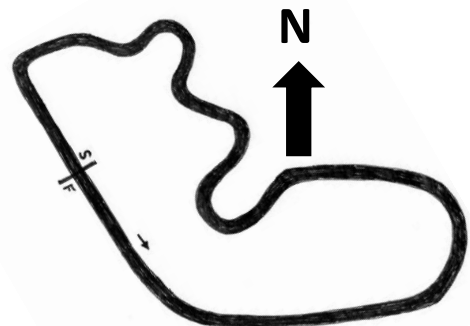
**Atwater, CA 95301**

[www.AtwaterKartClub.com](http://www.AtwaterKartClub.com)

**Contact Louie Figone**

**415-297-0374**

[louiemtb@aol.com](mailto:louiemtb@aol.com)



**1/2 mile course**

**Gearing 9 - 54\***

**\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder**

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# 2014 FLORIDA VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

## 2014 Winter Warm-Up - 1/23 - 25

**103<sup>rd</sup> Street Sports Complex**

**10244 103<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**Jacksonville FL 32210**

**[www.FLkarting.com](http://www.FLkarting.com)**

**or contact Robert Henderson**

**904-994-3874**

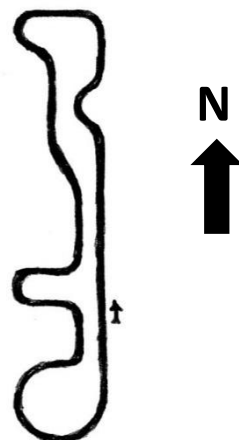
**[rript@aol.com](mailto:rript@aol.com)**

**or contact Ed Sahagian**

**shop: 912-330-9120**

**cell: 912-713-0585**

**or [KlipperKingFEDCO@msn.com](mailto:KlipperKingFEDCO@msn.com)**



**Gearing: 9 - 59\***

# 2014 GEORGIA VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Kart Winter Nationals 3/27 - 29

**930 Highway 36 West**

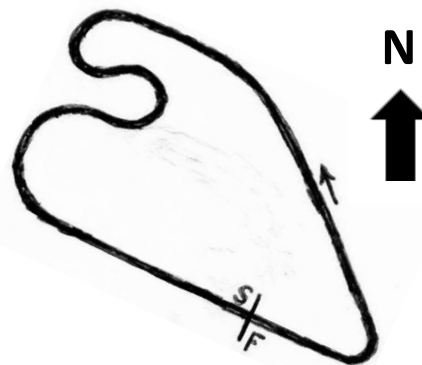
**Barnesville, GA 30204**

**[www.georgiasprintkarting.net](http://www.georgiasprintkarting.net)**

**or contact Bob Barthelemy**

**478-361-3048**

**or [bobb@lhthomson.com](mailto:bobb@lhthomson.com)**



**Gearing: 9 - 63\***

**\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder**

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# 2014 MIDWEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

## **2014 Circleville Raceway Park 4/10 - 12**

19413 US Route 23 North

Circleville, OH 43113

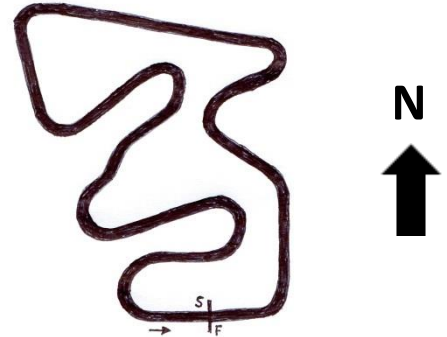
[www.CirclevilleRaceway.com](http://www.CirclevilleRaceway.com)

or contact Steve Tatman 740-412-4129

or [statman2@columbus.rr.com](mailto:statman2@columbus.rr.com)

or Pearl Gamble 740-499-3735

[gamble16@columbus.rr.com](mailto:gamble16@columbus.rr.com)



Gearing: 9 - 64\*

## **2014 Whiteland Raceway 5/2 - 3**

### **Hoosier Nationals**

654 N. Front Street

Whiteland, IN 46184

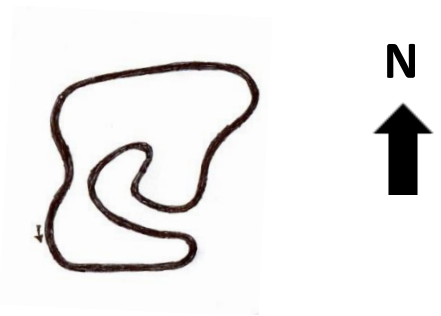
[www.WhitelandRaceway.us](http://www.WhitelandRaceway.us)

Contact Mike Swails 317-535-7291

or John Stults 812-350-9721

[jstults45@att.net](mailto:jstults45@att.net)

or B.J Dalton 772-370-9699



Gearing: 9 - 65\*

## **2014 Land of Lincoln Vintage Weekend (Springfield)**

Midstate Kart Club

**5/23 & 24**

160 Kender Lane

Dawson, IL 62520

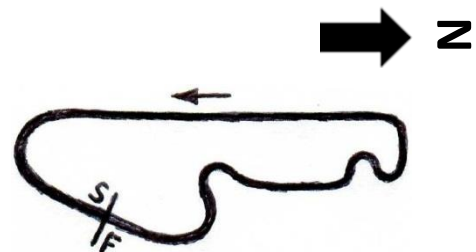
[www.MidStateKartClub.com](http://www.MidStateKartClub.com)

or contact: Russ Kemple

217-553-3613

[president@MidstateKartClub.com](mailto:president@MidstateKartClub.com)

or Paul Booth 217-323-1750 or [lindab@casscomm.com](mailto:lindab@casscomm.com)



Gearing: 9 - 55\*

\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder

# MORE 2014 MIDWEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

## **6<sup>TH</sup> Annual Vintage Thunder Karting Reunion** **6/12 - 14**

New Castle Motorsports Park

5816 S. County 125 West

New Castle, IN 47362

[www.NewCastleRaceway.com](http://www.NewCastleRaceway.com)

or Jeff Brown 248-613-5839 after 4PM EST

[invaderJB@gmail.com](mailto:invaderJB@gmail.com)

[www.JeffBrownVintageKarting.com](http://www.JeffBrownVintageKarting.com)

or Mike Adams 765-987-8090



Gearing: 10 - 58\*

## **2014 Sugar River Raceway** **7/10 - 12**

### **VINTAGE KARTING HISTORICS**

N2236 Mt. Hope Rd.

Brodhed, WI 53520

[www.sugarriverraceway.com](http://www.sugarriverraceway.com)

Contact Marshall Fairman: [SRR@Frontier.com](mailto:SRR@Frontier.com)

608-897-2898

Or Bill McCornack 630-400-2645

[Bill.McCornack@Comcast.net](mailto:Bill.McCornack@Comcast.net)



Gearing: 9 - 65\*

## **2014 G & J Kartway** **8/1 & 2**

1619 Barnets Mill Road

Camden, OH 45311

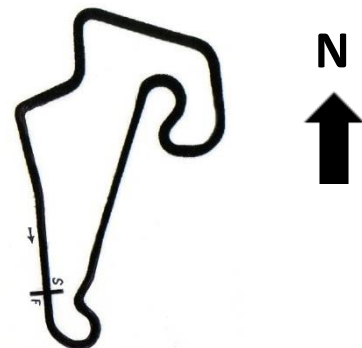
[www.GandJkartway.com](http://www.GandJkartway.com)

Contact Gary Gregg 937-452-1218

or Jeff Brown 248-613-5839 after 4PM EST

[invaderJB@gmail.com](mailto:invaderJB@gmail.com)

[www.JeffBrownVintageKarting.com](http://www.JeffBrownVintageKarting.com)



\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder

Gearing: 9 - 58\*

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# MORE 2014 MIDWEST VINTAGE KARTING EVENTS

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Kart Olympics 9/11 - 13

**T.N.T. Kartways**

**8750 Highway 24, Taylor, MO**

**(mail to: P.O. Box 716 Quincy, IL 62306)**

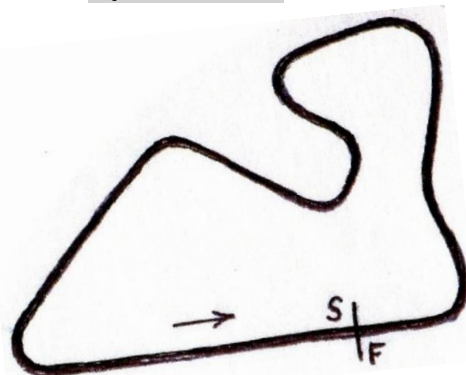
**[www.TNTkartways.com](http://www.TNTkartways.com)**

**or contact Gus or Terry Traeder**

**217-653-1926 or 217-242-3994**

**Or 217-228-2226**

**or [t.n.t.carts@adams.net](mailto:t.n.t.carts@adams.net)**



**Gearing: 9 - 61\***

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Vintage Kart Classic 9/26 & 27

**61 Kartway**

**1580 Highway 61**

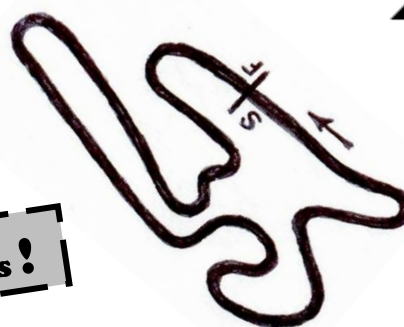
**Delmar, IA 52037**

**[www.61Kartway.com](http://www.61Kartway.com)**

**or contact Jim Thompson**

**319-560-8820**

**or [jimt@bobmickeycollision.com](mailto:jimt@bobmickeycollision.com)**



**Way Cool, Extreme Elevation Changes!**

**Gearing: 9 - 67\***

**\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder**

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# 2014 NEW YORK VINTAGE KARTING EVENT

**2014 OVRP Vintage Karting Celebration 10/10 - 12**

**Oakland Valley Race Park**

**305 Oakland Valley Road**

**Cuddebackville, NY 12729**

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**or Bill Mack 401-556-6599**

**[mackmotorsport@aol.com](mailto:mackmotorsport@aol.com)**

**or Tim Hannen 860-318-1177**

**[www.OVRP.net](http://www.OVRP.net)**



**Gearing: 9 - 62\***

**\* Gearing based on single American engine, under 6.1 c.i., Sidewinder**

## SAFETY TIPS & HELPFUL HINTS

### ILLEGAL FUEL ADDITIVES






Guidelines state they are illegal to use. All power inducing additives are a carcinogen and you expose yourself and fellow karters to the hazard by using it. Hydrazine, Nitro, Propylene Oxide and any other additive are also harmful to the climate. We don't need to win at all costs. No one wants to be behind you on the track if you are using this stuff.

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**JOIN THE FUN !**

**2014**  
**REGIONAL COORDINATORS**

<b>Eastern Canada- Colm O'Higgins (Brampton, Ontario)</b>		<b>South- Lake Speed (NC)</b>	
<b>Northeast- Bill Mack (RI)</b>		<b>Midwest- Scott Klingler (MI)</b>	
	<b>West- Louie Figone (CA)</b>		

**MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

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**Full Membership = \$35;**

**Associate Membership = \$10;**

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